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VACUUM PANELS AND PANELS THEREBY OBTAINED

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE REQUEST

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2005 (Paper No. 20051206) in the above application. This response is being timely submitted by August 19, 2006 in view of the Notice of Appeal filed on May 19, 2006, and the submission of a Petition for Extension of Time (one month). The finality of the Office Action is being withdrawn by the submission herewith of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). This Amendment and RCE Request are being submitted in lieu of an Appeal Brief.